

Appropriations and Finance Committee
LTBB Governmental Administration Building
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2017
1:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 1:03 p.m.

Committee Member Roll Call: Committee Chair Marcella Reyes, Committee Member Councilor Dexter McNamara, Committee Member Shanna Wemigwase

Absent: none

Tribal Councilors present: Secretary Kiogima, Councilor Bernard

Legislative Staff: Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Service Attorney Donna Budnick

Executive Staff/Official Present: Vice-Chair Stella Kay

Public: Tribal Citizen Douglas Sprague

Invited Guests: Odawa Casino Resort Finance Director Coby Lacy, Odawa Casino Resort Marketing Director Heather Ohuafi, Gaming Enterprise Board Billi Jo Head

Closed Session: Yes

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the agenda for November 14, 2017.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017 as corrected.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Certified Motion #102617-01 request for funding from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Rural Health Native Elder Abuse Innovation 2018 was approved by Tribal Council. Councilor Wemigwase requests the Phone Poll vote results be placed on the agenda to ensure transparency to our Tribal

Citizens. Treasurer Reyes agrees and requests phone poll vote results for the Land and Reservation Committee be included on their agenda and minutes as well.

Closed Session-Odawa Casino Resort Petoskey and Mackinaw 2018 Budgets.

1:14 p.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into closed session.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

2:20 p.m. Break

2:36 p.m. Resume Closed Session

3:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to acknowledge receipt of the Odawa Casino Resort Petoskey and Mackinaw 2018 courtesy draft budget.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Wemigwase), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Vice-Chair Stella Kay justifies the need for a Deputy Tribal Administrator Assistant for the Tribal Administrator Phil Harmon due to the growing number of staff, grants, and attendance of meetings. Treasurer Reyes has questioned where the new staff will be placed and will the current Tribal Administrator's job need to be reposted. Secretary Kiogima would like to see the pay wage be fair and consistent. Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick suggests the Vice-Chair Stella Kay revisit the Indian Preference Act.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to amend the 2018 Executive Budget.

-Motion on hold

Discussion: Vice-Chair justifies the need to increase the supplemental funding request for the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act and Merit Scholarship due to increased numbers of students.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt the Executive's Office Tribal Resolution in the amount of \$80,000 for the Michelle Chingwa Education Act (MCEA) and Merit Scholarships.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Chief Judge Allie Maldonado regarding a request to obtain a contract and retainer fee to the law firm Kanji & Katzen due to the continued actions of attorney S. Garret Beck.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt the Judicial Branch Tribal Resolution for supplemental funding request for a contract and retainer fee payment to the law firm Kanji & Katzen.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution to the FY 2018 Tribal Wide Budget in the amount of \$210,560 to come from Indirect Cost Recovery Collections.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 1 – No (Councilor McNamara), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee to conduct a Tribal Council Phone Poll to approve the Kanji & Katzen contract.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve the 2018 AFC meeting schedule.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Treasurer Reyes reiterates that Phase I needs to be completed before the Land and Reservation Committee recommends to Tribal Council to pursue Land Parcel #110.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to recommend Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution authorize funding in the amount of \$50,000 for purchase of Land Parcel #110 to come from Reserved General Fund Balance Supplemental Fund.

Vote: 2 - Yes, 1- No (Councilor McNamara), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Sr Financial Analyst

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge the receipt of the Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal report as presented on November 14, 2017.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0- Absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Old Business of storage for the housing units will be moved to the Land and Reservation agenda on December 8, 2017.

Public Comment

5:16 p.m. Opens:

- Councilor Frank Bernard states this was a very interesting meeting and you are all doing a good job.

5:17 p.m. Closes

5:18 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor McNamara to Adjourn.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Next Meeting date(s)

Regular Meeting: December 5, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.